

## House Resolution No. 3137

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their civic-minded pursuits; and

**Whereas**, Jim Bell of Pevely, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an auctioneer who is the owner/operator of Colonel Jim Bell Auctioneering; and

**Whereas**, in addition to his record of successful entrepreneurship, Jim Bell is justifiably proud to be known as one of the founders of Rockport Baptist Church, which will celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of its establishment with a reunion that will be held on May 12, 2007; and

**Whereas**, a deacon for thirty years at First Baptist Church in Festus/Crystal City, Jim Bell also teaches the Adult Men's Sunday School class; and

**Whereas**, Jim Bell has been married for fifty-four years to Fay Bell, who was his high school sweetheart; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Jim and Fay Bell has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their three children, Cheree Bell, Robin Bell, and Brent Bell, and their four grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, in his spare time Jim Bell enjoys such avocational diversions as woodworking and repairing old furniture; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Jim Bell:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Jim Bell and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his role in the establishment of Rockport Baptist Church, which is celebrating its Fortieth Anniversary in May 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jim Bell of Pevely, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ron Casey  
District No. 103

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3137, adopted May 3, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker